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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE, TOKYO, INFO SINGAPORE
FROM KUALA LUMPUR AUG 04:

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 4520

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS:
SUBJECT: CONSUL BEING HELD HOSTAGE

1. JAPANESE RED ARMY GUNMAN CALLED AT APPROX 12:20 LOCAL TIME
AND DEMANDED TO BE PUT IN TOUCH WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR.
JAP AMBASSADOR SUMA IS NOW IN SINGAPORE BUT FIRST SECRETARY
TOMKIWA TALKED TO GUNMAN. GUNMAN REPEATED LIST OF DEMANDS
ALREADY TRANSMITTED. ALSO, WE UNDERSTAND JAPANESE AMBASSADOR IS ON
HIS WAY BACK FROM SINGAPORE. IN MEANTIME, JAPANESE EMBASSY IS
REPORTING TO TOKYO.

2. WE NOW BELIEVE THERE MAY BE TWO OR PERHAPS THREE GUNMEN IN
"RED ARMY OPERATIONS UNIT." AS FAR AS WE AWARE, THERE HAS
BEEN ONLY ONE CASUALTY: A MALAYSIAN POLICEMAN WAS WOUNDED
WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO ENTER FLOOR ON WHICH CONSULAR SECTION IS
LOCATED. REMAINDER OF OFFICE BUILDING (12 STORY BUILDING
OWNED BY AMERICAN INT'L INSURANCE CORP) HAS BEEN OR WILL
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SHORTLY BE EVACUATED. MALAYSIAN POLICE INSPECTOR-
GENERAL HAS SET UP COMMAND POST IN BUILDING. ONLY ESSENTIAL
EMBASSY PERSONNEL ARE BEING RETAINED ON THREE FLOORS
ABOVE THE CONSULAR SECTION.

3. WE HAVE INFORMED WIFE OF CONSUL STEBBINS OF SITUATION.
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